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11.	Jaipur	Hindi, Rajasthani, Sindhi
12.	Jalandhar	Punjabi, Hindi, Dogri, Himachali, Haryanavi and Urdu
13.	Kolkata	Bangla, Urdu, Nepali, Santhal!
14.	Lucknow	Hindi, Urdu
15.	Mumbai	Marathi, Hindi, Sindhi and English

Implementation of 'Conditional Access System'

†168. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made so far with regard to the implementation of 'Conditional Access System' in Delhi, Mumbai and other metropolitan cities;
- (b) whether Hon'ble High Court have passed any order in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the action being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) The Government has on 31.7.2006 notified implementation of Conditional Access System (CAS) in four metros with effect from 31.12.2006 in pursuance of Delhi High Court order dated 20.7.2006. the Government has also on 31.7.2006 notified Cable Television Networks Rules for smooth implementation of CAS. There rules specify time bound activities for Government, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), Broadcasters, MSOs and Cable Operators in order to ensure smooth implementation of CAS.

Regulation of private TV Channels

169. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of private TV channels are conducting a variety of entertainment shows;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.